

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Laurent MEIJER *et al.*

Title: **MEANS FOR INDUCING DIFFERENTIATION OF
SUPERNUMERARY HAIR CELLS AND DEITERS' CELLS
IN THE DEVELOPING ORGAN OF CORTI**

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to a non-final Office Action, with a mailing date of October 12, 2007, concerning the captioned application. The response is timely filed by virtue of the accompanying Petition for Extension of Time and payment of the prescribed fees,.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

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